

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

May 8, 2002

The State Board of Education (Board) held its May meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, May 8, 2002, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair; Mr. Greg Killian, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Dr. Anne S. Crook; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mrs. Brenda S. Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James C. McRae; Dr. Harriett Rucker; and Mr. Chris Verenes. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board members unable to attend were Mr. James Mattos and Mrs. Gail Moss who were excused for their absence. Mr. James H. White resigned effective May 6, 2002.)*

OPENING

Chair White announced that the large flag poster on the wall was made by Mrs. Phillip's kindergarten class at Walhalla Elementary School and was on loan to the Board by Senator Alexander.

Chair White led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2002, AND APRIL 23, 2002

Mr. Verenes moved for the approval of the minutes of the April 10, 2002, and April 23, 2002 meetings. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Mr. Lee moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire and approved by the Board.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair White welcomed the visitors present. Mr. Rob Harper, Office of Public Information introduced Bill Robinson, *The State*.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

RECOGNITION OF THE 2002 PALMETTO'S FINEST SCHOOLS

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized the 2002 Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award recipients. Superintendent Tenenbaum and the respective Board members presented an engraved acrylic trophy to each school. The winners are Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School, Charleston County Schools; Wellford Elementary School, Spartanburg School District

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Five; Pickens Middle School, Pickens School District; and Dutch Fork High School, Lexington/Richland District Five.

RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Karen Diane Carter. Ms. Carter was named the Southern District High School Physical Educator of the Year by the National Association for Sports and Physical Education. Superintendent Tenenbaum and Board member Chris Verenes presented an engraved paperweight to Ms. Carter for this accomplishment.

RECOGNITION OF RICHLAND NORTHEAST MODEL UNITED NATIONS TEAM

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized the Richland Northeast High School's Model United Nations team and their advisor, Lynn Washington. Richland Northeast High School has participated in this conference for twenty years and has won first place fourteen times and second place five times. For the thirteenth year in a row, the team won the Award of Distinction, one of three first place trophies. They also won the Research Award. Superintendent Tenenbaum and Board member Dr. Mary Jones presented an engraved plaque to the team for this achievement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair
Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee

Mr. Clarence Dickert, Chair
Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee

Mr. James G. Mattos, Chair
Finance and Legislative Committee

Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (*TRTC*) met on Tuesday, May 7, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for May 7, 2002—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the May 7, 2002, meeting was approved.

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02. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2002, TRTC Committee Meeting—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the April 9, 2002, meeting were approved.

03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

Mr. Lee reported that items 56-04 and 56-05 were placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Lee reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **Update of Pilot Project between Anderson School District One and Furman University for a Paid Internship**

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee—Mr. Clarence Dickert reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, May 7, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for May 7, 2002—Mr. Dickert reported that the agenda for May 7, 2002, was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2002—Mr. Dickert reported that the minutes of the April 9, 2002, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Dickert reported that item 55-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

04. Standards for Benchmark Courses in the Academic Areas of Biology I and Physical Science (Second Reading)—Mr. Dickert reported that physical science and biology are the two science courses selected for end-of-course testing. Standards appropriate for these two courses have been identified from the January 2000 Science Curriculum Standards. Under S. C. Code Ann. §59-18-300 (Supp. 2001) the State Board of Education is directed to adopt specific standards for benchmark courses.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Mr. Dickert moved that the State Board of Education approve the Standards for Benchmark Courses in the Academic Areas of Biology I and Physical Science (Second Reading).

Mrs. Maguire moved to amend page seven of the Biology I Course Standards, C., 2., c. to read, "Discuss the various lines of scientific evidence that underlie our understanding of the evolution and diversification of life over time and the scientific evidence contradicting evolutionary theory". Mr. Cervantes seconded the motion.

Following discussion, the motion to amend failed.

The original motion was approved with one opposing vote by Mrs. Maguire.

05. South Carolina English Language Arts Curriculum Standards 2002 (Second Reading)—Mr. Dickert reported that the English language arts standards have been reviewed by panels of national and state educators in English language arts as well as statewide parent/business and special educator teams. A field review draft based on the recommendations from these groups has been developed by the state writing panel and was submitted for field review from August 16, 2001, until October 20, 2001. The document has been revised based on the field review comments as well as input from within the State Department of Education.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Mr. Dickert moved that the State Board of Education approve the *South Carolina English Language Arts Curriculum Standards 2002* (Second Reading). The motion was then approved by the Board with one opposing vote by Mrs. Maguire.

Mr. Dickert reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **Requested Waiver of the Section of Regulation 43-264.1, Half Day Child Development Programs from Aiken County School District, Anderson School District Two, Barnwell School District 45, Clarendon School District Three, Dorchester School District Four, Florence School District Three, Horry County School District, Laurens School District 55, Lexington School District One, Richland School District One, Spartanburg School District Six, Spartanburg School District Seven, and York School District Two that stipulates that a minimum of 10 percent of the total budget shall be utilized in supplies/materials and equipment for instructional purposes (Section VI B.1. and 1.)**

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Mr. James McRae reported for Mr. James Mattos that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, May 7, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for May 7, 2002—Mr. McRae reported that the agenda for the May 7, 2002, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2002—Mr. McRae reported that the minutes of the April 9, 2002, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. McRae reported that item 54-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

04. Facilities Waiver Request—Williamsburg County School District—Mr. McRae reported that this district is in the process of implementing a new district-wide comprehensive plan in which student grade levels will be reconfigured in existing district school facilities. Chavis Elementary School (formerly Chavis Middle School) does not have existing kindergarten classrooms that meet the state requirements. The K–3 students that would be subjected to moving to the temporary classrooms at Chavis Elementary School currently are housed in classrooms that meet building codes and state requirements. The committee feels that approval of this waiver is not needed at this time.

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On behalf of the Finance and Legislative Committee, Mr. McRae moved that the State Board of Education deny the one-year waiver to allow occupancy of nonconforming classrooms.

Mrs. Fort moved to postpone the decision on this item until the June meeting so the Williamsburg County Superintendent and Board Chair can be present and provide more information. The motion was seconded by Dr. Crook.

Following discussion, the motion to postpone failed with three votes by Mrs. Fort, Dr. Crook, and Dr. Jones in favor.

The original motion was approved by the Board with opposing votes by Mrs. Fort, Dr. Crook, and Dr. Jones.

Mr. McRae reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

52. Educational Policy Committee—Chair White reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, May 7, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for May 7, 2002—Chair White reported that the agenda for the May 7, 2002, meeting was approved as presented.

02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of April 9, 2002—Chair White reported that the minutes for the April 9, 2002, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Chair White reported that items 52-03 and 52-04 were placed on the consent agenda.

Other Business

Chair White announced that the Policy Committee voted to invite Billie Orr, from the Education Leaders Council to the June meeting to give the Board more information on that organization.

Chair White reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **Results of application of criteria for the identification of schools qualifying for the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Program (EAA)**

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Killian moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire and approved by the Board. The following items were approved by the Board without further debate:

56-04. Grade Span Implementation Guidelines for Teacher Preparation Programs (Second Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-05. Report on annual teacher education data to be collected annually by the State Department of Education beginning July 1, 2003, as a part of the NCATE/State performance-based accreditation system for teacher preparation institutions (First Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

55-03. Annual Report of the Accreditation of School Districts in South Carolina for the 2001-02 School Year

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

54-03. Facilities Waiver Request—Beaufort County School District

The Finance and Legislative Committee approved this item as presented.

52-03. House Education and Public Works Committee request to withdraw, amend, and resubmit Regulation 43-55, Renewals of Credentials

The Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

52-04. Selection of Candidates for NASBE President, Vice-President, and Southern Area Director for 2003

The Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES OF MAY 7, 2002

Chair-Elect Killian gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, May 7, 2002.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2002

Mr. Killian moved for the approval of the minutes of the May 7, 2002, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee and approved by the Board.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Chair White invited all Board members to attend the Special Ad Hoc Committee meeting on Special Needs Transportation immediately following the regular Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Maguire moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. Verenes seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

Chair

Secretary

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